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In re the Continuation Application of S.N. 09/350,923:

Yosuke SHIRATA

Serial No.: NEW

Group Art Unit: 2851 (Expected)

Filed: October 10, 2000

Examiner: NGUYEN H. (Expected)

For: LITHOGRAPHY SYSTEM AND METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: October 10, 2000

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned Continuation application, concurrently filed herewith. Please amend the above-captioned Continuation application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification by inserting after the title: --This application is a continuation of prior application Serial No. 09/350,923 filed July 12, 1999, which is a continuation of prior application Serial No. 09/055,954 filed April 7, 1998 --.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 4: Line 1, delete "or 3".